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1. [redacted] twenty-three tanks, described as "Pike" tanks, were observed on the Weimar-Gotha road, three km. from Gotha. Description: Approximately the same size as T-34s although of considerably lower construction. Tracks were 90-95 cm. broad and made of high-quality steel. Gun was approximately 88 mm., but not less than 75 mm. Mounted beside the gun was a very heavy machine gun, while in the rear were two normal machine guns. The engine - a langhuber - was in the rear and covered with a metal grid. The turret was made of a single piece of cast steel. It carried a crew of four.

2. At Ohdruf (J-15) Russian troops are returning to winter quarters: in the first half of September 1947, at least two trains daily left the area. A Russian tank corps has been transported to the Altengrabow (Z-00) district from the Ohdruf maneuver area.

3. Jena-Losbstedt (J-76), housed a mechanized infantry regiment in mid-September 1947. Tanks observed were of the T-34/85 type.

4. The troops maneuvering on the Letzlinger Heide were returning to Magdeburg
X1 [redacted] The Encke Barracks there were occupied by a motorized

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infantry regiment; the artillery barracks were occupied by four battalions (7 batteries) of an artillery training unit. The personnel of the latter unit are all very young.

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